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## Funding issues

## Structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017

## UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2015-2018

*The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the UNICEF strategic brief on the structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, which aims at increasing and securing core funding and soft earmarked funding from various sources, including increasing the number of Member States that contribute to core resources on a voluntary basis, and in that context:

2. *Also takes note* of:

(a) The proposed funding mechanisms and incentives for attracting and optimizing flexible and predicable financing;

(b) The planned financial estimates for 2015-2018, as contained in document E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.4, as a flexible framework for supporting UNICEF programmes;

(c) The efforts made by UNICEF to broaden the funding base and to mobilize additional resources and other forms of support from diversified sources;

3. *Notes* that currency fluctuations can affect the resource levels of UNICEF and requests UNICEF to continue to report to the Executive Board on its work to address the impact of currency fluctuations and to continue to monitor the work of other international organizations in this regard to ensure that its currency management remains optimal;

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4. *Requests* UNICEF, in the context of the structured dialogue on financing, to:

(a) Present a resource mobilization strategy, based on the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, and Integrated Results and Resources Framework, at the first regular session of 2016;

(b) Engage in informal dialogues with Member States, National Committees for UNICEF and other donors, throughout the year, including in specially arranged interactive discussions on the margins of the annual session each year, to ensure an ongoing discussion, exchange of information and analysis of funding issues and options, taking into consideration the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, the Economic and Social Council Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, and the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and this includes exploring incentives, mechanisms and funding windows, along with their impact, to broaden the donor base and to encourage donors to increase and prioritize regular resources contributions as well as to shift to less restricted other resources funding, aligned to the Strategic Plan;

(c) Submit, within the context of the annual reporting on funding and resource mobilization, an analysis of the predictability, flexibility and alignment of resources provided for the implementation of the approved Strategic Plan, including the funding gaps and their implications according to the Integrated Results and Resources Framework;

(d) Continue to widen its partnerships with the private sector, civil society organizations, philanthropic organizations, the general public, multilateral organizations, international financial institutions, and global public-private alliances in a transparent and coordinated manner, and provide efficiency, cost-savings and assessments that are based on increasing and continuing partnership coordination while reducing duplication of efforts;

5. *Approves* the integrated resources framework of the planned financial estimates for 2015-2018, and approves the preparation of programme expenditure submissions to the Executive Board of up to $725 million from regular resources in 2016, subject to the availability of resources and the continued validity of these planned financial estimates;

6. *Requests* UNICEF to provide annual updates to the Executive Board on the progress of funding its reserves for staff liabilities.